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SUBJECT:MFN EXTENSION FOR ROMANIA

1. AMBASSADOR BARNES, KEMPTON JENKINS AND ANDREWS MET MORNING SEPTEMBER 7 WITH SENATOR RIBICOFF WHO WILL CHAIR SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARING SEPTEMBER 8. RIBICOFF SAID HE FAVORS APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF TRADE AGREEMENT BUT REPEATED PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED CONCERNS OVER UPS AND DOWNS IN EMIGRATION.

2. HE ASKED THAT HARTMAN TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF ADMINISTRATION AND THAT OTHER ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS. HE INTENDS TO LIMIT NON-GOVERNMENTAL WITNESSES TO FIVE MINUTES EACH. THESE INCLUDE RABBI SCHINDLER, MILTON ROSENTHAL, MAX BERRY (EAST WEST TRADE COUNCIL), FATHER GALDAU, SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN GROUPS INCLUDING DR. SZAZ. SENATOR AWARE OF SENSITIVITY OF TRANSYLVANIAN ISSUE AND DOES NOT INTEND THAT HEARINGS BECOME EMBROILED IN IT.

3. ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION TO BE PRECEDED BY APPEARANCE THREE HOUSE MEMBERS, KOCH, DRINAN AND MCDONALD WHO

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HAVE ASKED TO TESTIFY. KISSINGER

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